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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, July 13, 1888.

Mr. Barnum, chairman of the national democratic committee, has been in the city for several days in consultation with Mr. Cleveland, Senator Gorman and others. He positively refused to be interviewed, but from another source, I learn that he is very confident of democratic success. He winks in a comical sort of way, when told that the republicans expect to carry Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, as much as to say "they may smother year, but not this one."

Commissioner Colman certainly has reason to feel proud of his administration of the agricultural department when he receives such compliments as the one paid him by Senator Plumb at the meeting of the senate committee on agriculture. The question under consideration was the proposed transfer of the weather bureau to the agricultural department. General Greely, chief signal officer, was present to oppose the transfer. He accused Mr. Colman of using influence to bring about the transfer; Senators Pad-dock and Plumb, both republicans, warmly defended Mr. Colman from this charge, and Senator Plumb added: "The feeling among farmers of the west is in favor of having the weather bureau connected with the agricultural department, which has grown steadily despite opposition and ridicule, and which is now rendering better service and is of more value to the people than ever before."

The postmaster general's able letter against the "subsidy amendment" to the postoffice appropriation bill was before the senate this week. It acted on the republican senators much as a red bandanna might be expected to act on so many young and unruly bulls. They insisted upon the amendment and asked for another conference. Mr. Beck told them that he had no idea that the house would ever agree to the amendment and he did not believe that it ought to do so.

The house has passed the agricultural appropriation bill with the senate amendments.

Representative Samuel J. Randall had a dangerous attack of hemorrhage this week, but is now somewhat better. His physicians say that absolute rest is necessary for him, so that it is not likely that he will again appear on the floor of the house at the present session.

The Mills tariff bill is making good progress in the house, and hopes are now expressed of getting it to a final vote next week. Its passage is assured.

The independent colored political association of Virginia met in this city this week and heartily approved the call for the conference of independent colored men at Indianapolis on the 25th inst. They elected fifteen delegates to the conference and passed a resolution endorsing the administration of President Cleveland.

The national convention of the National American party will be held in this city August 14th, to adopt a platform and nominate candidates for president and vice-president.

The senate has passed a bill to amend the inter-state commerce act,

which makes a number of more or less important changes in the law.

"Granny" Blair has succeeded in getting his constitutional prohibition amendment about as far as it will ever go. A favorable report has been made upon it by the senate committee.

The house committee on military affairs has made a favorable report on the bill, introduced by Mr. Laird, appropriating \$250,000 for aiding state houses for the support of disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States. Among the provisions of the bill is one providing for the payment to state houses of \$100 for each inmate received by them.

It is estimated at the postoffice department that the deficiency in the revenues of the postal service for the fiscal year just ended will be about \$4,000,000. Last year it was something over \$5,500,000.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by Chairman Barnum as the campaign committee: W. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania; Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland; Matt. W. Ransom, of North Carolina; Calvin L. Brice, of Ohio; John S. Barbour, of Virginia; Herman Oelrichs, of New York; Mills Ross, of New Jersey; Arthur Sewall, of Maine; and Erskine M. Phelps, of Illinois. The first meeting of this committee will be held next Tuesday at the headquarters of the national committee in New York city.

## WHAT IS IT?

Boonville, Ind., is the home of James M. Crow, a prominent merchant and worthy citizen. He has just had a strange experience that puzzles the medical fraternity. For five years he has been an invalid, but could not tell the cause of his affliction. In time he wore down to a mere skeleton, and his friends became alarmed for him. His case was extreme, and his annoyance seemed to be chiefly in his stomach. Acting on his own impulses the other day he took a powerful emetic. He was induced to do this because there was an unusual gnawing in his stomach. The emetic brought up an animal, or whatever it was, about six inches long, nearly an inch in diameter in its thickest part and pinkish in color. When fresh from the sufferer's stomach this curiosity had one well developed eye, a peculiar but perfect mouth, and what appeared to be a plump stomach. In the hope of preserving the animal it was placed in alcohol, but soon all traces of the disgusting thing was obliterated, and it was reduced to a whitish pulp. No name can be found for it in any medical work. Mr. Crow says he often felt the thing crawling about in his stomach, but did not think of such a living thing existing there and claiming that part of his body as its home. At present he feels that a great load, like a cloud from the face of the sun, has been removed from him, and his old time cheerfulness has come back to him.

An 8 per cent. tariff sufficed for our "infant industries" in Washington's time, and even that "father of protection," Henry Clay deemed a 33 per cent. duty adequate sixty-four years ago. But now anything less than a 47 per cent. tariff is called "free trade."

## THE CHINESE SENTIMENTS.

The following telegram to the New York Herald, dated Helena, M. T., June 29, 1888, will show the position taken by the Chinese in this campaign. It says:

Chin Wah Foo, a wealthy Chinese tea merchant, of San Francisco, is in Helena on a visit to his brother Chang Foo. Chin Wah is an intelligent gentleman, who speaks English fluently. He has a knowledge of the affairs of the leading governments possessed by few Americans. He takes a keen interest in the political situation and claims to have taken out his naturalization papers. He was seen by a Herald correspondent, who asked him about Harrison's chances for carrying the Golden state. He said that no man could have been nominated by the republicans who could poll as large a vote in California as Mr. Harrison.

"Isn't it true that California wants the Chinese to go?"

"Nothing of the kind. That cry was taken up by the hoodlums after Dennis Kearney had promulgated it in bitter speeches he made against our race in his notorious sand lot addresses."

"The citizens and Chinamen are then on the best terms?"

"Exactly, the prejudice against our race is wholly confined to the ignorant and illiterate classes."

"And they are—?"

"Democrats. The enlightened people in California are republicans. There is a large Chinese population in California, as all know, but what very few people know is our power and strength there. Chinese are better fixed financially according to their numbers than Americans, and I am willing to wager any amount that we contribute more generously to a campaign fund than any race in the United States. In your slang, 'Money talks.'"

"Do you mean to say that the Chinese are assessed for campaign purposes?"

"Most assuredly. Why shouldn't they be? We don't wish to see any one elected to office inimical to our interests. We have strong, sturdy friends among the republicans of the slope, who are always on the alert to further our interests, and it is nothing more than right that we should assist them with our means—supply the sinews of war, as it were."

"The Chinese, then, are republicans?"

"To a man. The allegiance of the colored race to the republican party is nothing compared with the love the Chinese have for the party. The time will come, and that shortly, when we shall be allowed to vote, and then it is but natural that we should remember our friends and punish our enemies at the ballot box."

"That may be true, but how will you make your power felt next November?"

"Through our money, as I told you. I for one will give \$50,000 to the republican campaign fund, and I stand pledged to raise \$500,000. I can do that easily. That amount of money added to what the state and national committees will raise will insure the republican victory in California."

"You are positive that California

will go republican?"

"I am positive for this reason—I know enough of inside politics to know that with money the floating population can be induced to vote for the party which pays them. California has that floating population. It can be purchased and Chinese money will purchase it. We are all for Harrison."

## RAILROAD ENTHUSIASM FOR HARRISON.

It does not require the visits of railroad men to Gen. Harrison's home to prove that there is plenty of railroad enthusiasm for the republican ticket. This goes without saying, as Gen. Harrison was nominated largely by railroad influences. But it is not so certain that the republicans will gain anything by glorying in the fact. The people have a way of viewing railroad enthusiasm with a coldness which frequently becomes painful at the polls.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## MIAMI MYSTERY.

On Monday, 9th inst., Chris Reizer, an old and respected citizen of the Miami country, disappeared as though the earth had opened and swallowed him. From what we gather he was a man of many peculiarities, and at times his actions were strange, but nothing was thought of it as he has always borne a good reputation, being quiet and non-communicative. He has been industrious, and the fact of his not appearing at work led to inquiry, when a search of his cabin was made. An examination proved his ax, gun and trunk to be missing, while the clothes remaining in the house were covered with blood. It was next found he had butchered a calf, depositing it in piece meal about the place. Fresh dug earth was found in several places where he had buried cable chains. Drowning was advanced and dispelled. Mr. Reizer had lived on his place five years and was advertised to prove up the 29th of next month. Taking the phases all together a profound mystery is buried in his disappearance. One idea advanced is that while trimming some trees he had fallen and killed himself and the wild animals devoured the body, but no bones could be found. The only accepted theory is that he became temporarily insane and wandered off.—Tillamook Headlight.

## OUR SEAPORT.

A full sized sailing vessel under sail is not often seen this far from the sea. Such a sight was viewed at an early hour this morning, heading for the straits from Tacoma.—Seattle Times.

Such a sight can be seen here on the Columbia most any day in the year. On the 23d of January last, eight ships crossed in over the "awful Columbia bar" and came up to the city under full sail, following each other so closely that the eighth had crossed the bar before the first one had dropped anchor in front of the city. As a first class seaport Astoria stands second to none.—Astoria Pioneer.

The Seattle Enterprise says: "It is reported and with every semblance of probability, that the extension of the Oregon and California road from Portland to this city will be undertaken in the near future."

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